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SUBJ: VISIT OF PRESIDENT FANFANI TO THE U.S.

1. THE WIFE OF AMINTORE FANFANI, PRESIDENT OF THE
ITALIAN SENATE, HAS INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT FANFANI
WOULD BE IN THE UNITED STATES FROM MAY 17-20. THE
OCCASION IS AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM AN AMERICAN
UNIVERSITY. HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON MAY 18 AND 19
AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT
CARTER. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED NONCOMMITALLY.

2. COMMENT: FANFANI WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE AN
ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF ITALY. WE
CANNOT EXCLUDE THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT TO USE AN APPOINT-
MENT WITH PRESIDENT CARTER TO FURTHER HIS DOMESTIC
ITALIAN POLITICAL ENDS. WE ARE THEREFORE INCLINED
TO RECOMMEND AGAINST AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT.
HOWEVER, AN APPOINTMENT WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE,
FANFANI'S OPPOSITE NUMBER, WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE. GARDNER

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